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Press Release

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April Milk Production in Pennsylvania Up Slightly

HARRISBURG --- Milk production in **Pennsylvania** during April 2002 totaled 930 million pounds, up 0.9 percent from last year's production, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 581,000 head, unchanged from March and down 18,000 from April 2001. Production per cow averaged 1,600 pounds in April, 30 pounds less than March but 60 pounds more than April 2001.

Milk production in the **20 states surveyed** during April 2002 totaled 12.5 billion pounds, up 2.9 percent from production in these same states during April 2001. March revised production, at 12.8 billion pounds was up 3.1 percent from March 2001. Production per cow in the 20 major states averaged 1,614 pounds for April, 43 pounds above April 2001. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major states averaged 7.75 million head, 12,000 head more than April 2001, and 8,000 head more than in March of 2002.